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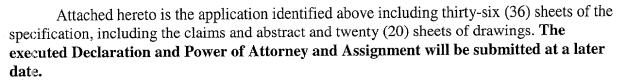
Application of Noboru ASAUCHI and Koichi OTSUKI

METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR SUPPLY OF EXPENDABLES

Assignee: SEIKO EPSON CORPORATION

Our Ref. Q66728

Dear Sir:



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Priority is claimed from October 20, 2000 and January 10, 2001, based on Japanese Patent Application Nos. 2000-321325 and 2001-002032, respectively. The priority documents will be filed at a later date.

Since the anniversary of the priority date fell on a Saturday, the filing of this application on Monday, October 22, 2001 is sufficient to obtain the benefit of priority.

Respectfully submitted, SUGHRUE MION, PLLC

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